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For RECORDING/REPRODUCING SYSTEM

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Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Applicant we requests entry of the following amendment prior to calculation of the application fee and examination on the merits.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 4 and 5 to read as follows (a marked up copy of the amendments being attached hereto):

Claim 4 (amended). The real time recording/reproducing system according to claim 1, wherein the frame thinning-out in the decompression processing module and the frame skipping in the decompression processing module are performed preferentially from frame-interpolation frames to generate digital compressed data involving much motion.

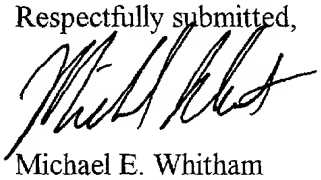
Claim 5 (amended). The real time recording/reproducing system according to claim 1, wherein the compression processing modules adds data bit stream data including a picture header representing the start of a frame compression code, a user data representing a thinned-out frame and a reference frame code representing the same

frame as a reference frame.

REMARKS

Claims 4 and 5 have been amended to avoid multiple dependent claim format.

Respectfully submitted,



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MARKED UP VERSION OF AMENDED CLAIMS

Claim 4 (amended). The real time recording/reproducing system according to [one of claims 1 to 3] claim 1, wherein the frame thinning-out in the decompression processing module and the frame skipping in the decompression processing module are performed preferentially from frame-interpolation frames to generate digital compressed data involving much motion.

Claim 5 (amended). The real time recording/reproducing system according to [one of claims 1 to 3] claim 1, wherein the compression processing modules adds data bit stream data including a picture header representing the start of a frame compression code, a user data representing a thinned-out frame and a reference frame code representing the same frame as a reference frame.